Name of the State	*Date of which State Human Rights Com mission litis iDin into existence in the State e*
Manipur	27.06.98
Punjab	17.03.97
Tamil Nadu	20.12.96
Uttar Pradesh	04,04.96
West Bengal	31.01.95

Ameiictmciit of Section 197 of CPC

4644. SHRI SANATAN BISl: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to bring amendment to Section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to deviate the necessity of Governmental- siwction for the prosecution of a Police- Officer against whom prima-facie'case of custodial offence has been established; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl L.K. ADVANI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

पुलिस द्वारा बच्चों की गिरफ्तारी

4645. श्री रामगोपाल यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या 18 अप्रैल, 1998 को दिल्ली में प्रदर्शन कर रहे सैकड़ों बच्चों को पुलिस ने यातना दी थी तथा उन्हें गिरफ्तार किया था;

(ख)यदि हां, तो उनकी गिरफ्तारी के कारण क्या थे तथा उनकी मांगे क्या थी; और

(ग)सरकार द्वारा उनकी मांगे के सम्बन्ध में क्या निर्णय लिए गए हैं अथवा लिए जाने प्रस्तावित हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी) : (क) से (ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचित किया हैं कि कुछ बच्चों सहित 60-70 प्रदर्शनकारियों के एक ग्रुप ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली में शराब के पाऊचों की बिक्री के विरूद्ध 18 अप्रैल,1998 को संसद भवन की ओर एक जलूस निकाला। ऐसी रिपोर्ट है कि प्रदर्शनकारियों ने उस क्षेत्र में लागू निषेधाज्ञा का उल्लंघन किया हैं और इसी कारण से उन्हें छोड़ने से पूर्व कुछ समय के लिए एहतियात के तौर पर रोके रखा गया था। दिल्ली पुलिस ने इन रिर्पोटों का खण्ण्डन किया हैं □□ इन्हें पुलिस स्टेशन में यातना दी गई।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली मे पाउचों में शराब की बिक्री की अनुमति नहीं हैं तथा इस कानून का उल्लंघन किए जाने पर पुलिस द्वारा उचित कार्रवाई की जाती हैं। चालू वर्ष के दौरान 30 जून, 1998 तक दिल्ली पुलिस ने अवैध शराब (पाउचों मे शराब समेत) की बिक्री के संबंध में 2074 मामले दर्ज किए तथा 2,212 व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किए। इसी अवधि के दौरान जब्त किए गए शराब के पाउचों की संख्या 8,57,071 हैं।

Bomb Blasis in States

4646. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be plca.sed to stale:

(a) the number of bomb blasts m-Assam, Punjab, Delhi, Bihar, Ori.ssa, Mahiirashlra and West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons killed as a result.^ thereof; aiKl

(c) the details of compensation paid to the victims and the number of people arrested in this regard and the action taken in the matter during this period and tijl date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The infornration is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Hou.sc.

Rising Crime Rate

4647. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rising crime rate in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years. State-wise/district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the deteriorating law and order situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME' AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Available information in regard to rate of cognizable crime under the IPC, Slate-wise, during the last two years, i.e.. 1996 and 1997, is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below).

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is essentially for the State Governments to take necessary action to curb crime and maintain law and order. Howerver, apart from sending advisories to the State Governments from time to time, the Central Government is also providing financial assistance to the State Governments under its Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces for improving their policing infrastructure.

Statement

Rate of Cog. Crimes Under IPC during 1996 and 1997 (State & UT-Wise)

Sl No.	State/UT	1996	1997
1	2	3	4
STATES			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	150.6	146.6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	194.6	183.4
3.	Assam	145.3	152.1
4.	Bihar	120.8	95.7
5.	Goa	215.2	217.7
6.	Gujarat	259.6	235.9
7.	Haryana	181.9	168.6
8.	Himachal Pradesh	188.4	175.6
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	201.1	193.8
10.	Karnataka	234.9	232.5
11.	Kerala	275.0	290.2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	267.8	262.5
13.	Maharashtra	214.1	207.6
14.	Manipur	123.7	143.8
15.	Meghalaya	92.7	89.5
16.	Mizoram	276.7	244.9
17.	Nagaland	96.4	92.9
18.	-Orissa	145.2	139.6
19.	Punjab	63.5	67.8
20.	Rajasthan	328.9	330.5
21.	Sikkim	147.9	115.4
22.	Tamil Nadu	223.5	179.2
23.	Tripura	116.3	116.2
24.	Uttar Pradesh	113,0	96.0
25.	West Bengal	92.9'	86.7
	TOTAL (STATES)	179.1	167.8

1	2	*3*	*4*
	UNION TERRITORIES		
26.	A & N Island	110.6	135.7
27.	Chandigarh	252.8	261.4
28.	D & N Haveli	256.3	205.3
29.	Daman and Diu	234.5	177.5
30.	Delhi	527.0	517.8
31.	Lakshadweep	73.3	41.7
32.	Pondicherry	274.3	274.8
	TOTAL (UTs)	476.5	468.9
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	183.4	172.4

NoTE:Figures for 1997 are provisional.

District-wise information is not maintained at the Central level. Rate of crime means number of cases per lalcti of population.

Upgrading Fire Services

4648. SHRI YERRA NARAYAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to finance upgradation of fire services to meet the growing needs of the States;

(b) whether Government arranges equipments and assistance to State Governments for this purpose;

(c) whether any request from Andhra Pradesh for finance, equipments and training to upgrade fire services has been received; and

(d) what steps Government are Uking to accede to the request of Andhra Pradesh in the matter of upgradation of fire services?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Tenth Finance Commission has allocated Rs. 8000.00 lakhs for the States for upgradation of their fire services. The Central Government also arranges loans through the General Insurance Corporation of India for development of State Fire Services, whenever such requests are received from the State Governments.

The State Governments can buy the equipment they require from the assistance so provided.

(c) and (d) On the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Tenth Finance Commission has allocated a sum of Rs. 400.00 lakhs for the State for upgradation of its fire services. Out of this, funds amounting to Rs. lOS.OO lakhs have ab'eady been released—Rs. 60.00 lakhs during 1996-97 and Rs. 4S.0O lakhs during 1997-98.

Artick 355

4649. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2354 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th July, 1998 and state:

(a) whether Article 3SS appearing under Part XVIII of Constitution deals with emergency provisions;

(b) if so, whether sending of Central teams to States to keep the Central Government aware of the on goings in the State for as the law and order situation as part of the interactions with the State an usual practice under Article 355;